Plan (NPP) formulated by the Govt, of India in 1980 comprises of two components—Peninsular rivers development and Himalayan rivers development. The Peninsular Component is divided into 4 parts of which the major part envisages diversion of likely surpluses of Mahanadi and Godavari in the ultimate development scenario to the water short areas in Krishna, Pennar Cauvery and Vaigai basins. This link system consists of 9 link canals as given below:

1. Mahanadi (Manibhadra)-Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link
2. Godavari (Polavaram)-Krishna (Vijayawada) link
3. Godavari (Inchampalli)-Krishna (Pulichintala) link
4. Godavari (Inchampalli)-Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link
5. Krishna (Nagarjunasagar)-Pennar (Somasila) link
6. Krishna (Srisailam)-Pennar link
7. Krishna (Almatti)-Pennar link
8. Pennar (Somasila)-Cauvery (Grant Anicut) link
9. Cauvery (Kattalai)-Vaigai-Gundar link

NWDA has prepared feasibility reports of all the nine links of the system.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Flood relief for Orissa**

2248. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B. J. PANDA: MS.
PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Orissa faces regular floods almost every year and there is an urgent need for a long term flood relief and restoration plan;

(b) whether Orissa being a cash strapped backward region, it has not long term solution to cambat the floods; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of the Central Government to sanction a long term flood relief/restoration project to control this unabated calamity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Flood Management is a State subject. The schemes for flood control are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments themselves as per their own priorities out of their State Plan funds. However, the Central Government is also assisting the State Governments through various centrally sponsored schemes in order to enable the States in flood management works. The Government of India has been providing financial assistance to the Government of Orissa through Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, "Improvement of Drainage in the Critical Areas of the country" under which an amount of Rs. 7.75 crore has been released to Government of Orissa upto 31.11.2006 during Tenth Plan.

**Talks with Nepal on construction of dam**

†2249. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress report regarding talks between India and Nepal for construction of dams and taking other measures to check the damage due to floods in rivers like Kosi, Kamala, Bhagmati, Ghandak etc. flowing through Bihar towards India from Nepal;

(b) whether talks have been held with the new Government of Nepal in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for holding talks with Nepal and implementation of outcomes thereof in view of the seriousness and losses caused by such floods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Government of India is having continuous dialogue with the Government of Nepal through various institutional mechanisms for advancing bilateral co-operation in water

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.